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1. [REDACTED] has explored with the Logistics Division, Department of the Army, the proposition contained in paragraph 7b - Recommendations - of your memorandum, subject as above, dated 5 January 1949. [REDACTED] discussed with the Executive Officer of the Logistics Division and Lieut. Colonel Breckenridge, Chief of the Installations Branch, Service Group, Logistics Division, the availability of space in or near Richmond, Virginia.

2. There is a Richmond Quartermaster Depot in Richmond. The availability of space, even in the comparatively small desired quantity at the depot, is questionable. Camp Lee, Virginia is 35 or 40 miles southeast of Richmond, the location of the Quartermaster School and others, and there is adequate space available at Camp Lee. If the Quartermaster Depot in Richmond is to be asked for, a very strong case will have to be made, since the floor space is limited, and by direction of the President, certain of the Quartermaster storage space in Washington has had to be relinquished to PBA, causing that storage to be forced into Richmond.

3. It is ICAPS' opinion that a letter should be sent from the Director to the Director, Logistics Division, giving in sufficiently pertinent detail, the space requirement and the location, as well as as adequate an estimate of the time that the space will be used, and if possible, when. If the Admiral is not to sign the letter, but the Executive for Administration to sign it, the paper could usefully be directed to the Director, Logistics Division, Attention: Installations Branch.

4. It is suggested that space at Richmond be requested, making as strong a case as possible, and offering Camp Lee as a less desirable, but possible alternative. It would probably be desirable to furnish the type of storage equipment that is to be used, in order that adequate foundation can be provided in the space allocated.

5. The Naval Stations near Richmond (Quantico, Dahlgren, Yorktown) and near Houston (Corpus Christi) have not been queried by ICAPS as it is thought they are less desirable than Richmond or Camp Lee even though they could offer security and probably space.

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6. The Air Force reports that it has nothing about 100 miles south of Washington, but only in North Carolina, South Carolina and Chatham Field near Savannah. The Ellington Air Force Base is near Houston; and near San Antonio, about 200 miles from Houston, there are three big permanent installations, Randolph, Kelly, and Brooks Fields. If necessary they could find space and provide emergency security, but it is thought that these places are less desirable than the Army installations mentioned above.

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